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SUBJECT : CONSULAR ASSISTANCE

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TO : SENATOR JOHN C. STENNIS
205 RUSSEL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SENATOR STENNIS TELEGRAM INFORMING PARIS EMBASSY OF
MRS . JAMES WRIGHT S DESIRE TO HAVE HER DECEASED
SON ROBERT GORSSE S REMAINS TRANSFERRED FOR BURIAL
TO THE US WAS RECEIVED BY AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
IN LYON ON APRIL 24. WHEN INVESTIGATING WITH THE HOSPITAL
IN CLERMONT-FERRAND WHERE SON ROBERT DIED ON APRIL 19
CONSULATE GENERAL LEARNED THAT TOWNHALL AUTHORITIES IN
MONTEL DE GELAT HAD HAD REMAINS BURIED ON APRIL 22 IN
FAMILY GORSSE S GRAVE CEMETERY SINCE LOCAL LAW REQUIRES
THAT BURIAL BE MADE SHORTLY AFTER DEATH. COST INVOLVED
AMOUNTS TO 200.00 DOLLARS. DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION
AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
WOULD COST 3,500 DOLLARS AFTER EMBALMING HAS BEEN
PRACTISED (PAYMENT OF 200 DOLLARS LOCAL FUNERAL INCLUDED),
THE COST BEING APPROXIMATE.

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AFTER MRS. JAMES WRIGHT S DECISION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED,
PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION :
(A) TELEGRAPH CONFIRMATION TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
IN LYON FRANCE AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN
YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING
TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS.
(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND IMMEDIATELY

THROUGH BANK OF AMERICA IN LYON, FAANCE PAYABLE TO
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, LYON FRANCE AND/
OR PEMPE FUNEBRES GENERALES IN CLERMONT-FERRAND, FRANCE.

UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 8 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED
FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED.

THE CONSULATE GENERAL IS INVESTIGATING THE QUESTION OF
YOUR SON S PERSONAL EFFECTS AND PROPERTY WHICH HE HAD IN
MONTEL-DE-GELAT, BUT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE YET TO REACH
MAITRE CHASSAING, NOTARY HANDLING THE ESTATE IN PONTAUMUR

PUY-DE-DOME TELEPHONE : 79-9003. IT WAS LEARNED THAT
AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, ROBERT FORSSSE WAS LIVING
WITH AN INDIVIDUAL. THIS PERSON LIVES IN THE HOUSE
GORSSE REPORTEDLY OWNED. IT HAS
NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE FRENCH
NOTARY HAS A WILL WHICH ROBERT GORSSE
MAYHAVE EXECUTED CONCERNING WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH HIS
EFFECTS AND PROPERTY. THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL INFORM YOU
WHEN IT HAS FULL DETAILS ON ESTATE. PLEASE BE ASSURED
OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
AMCONSUL LYON, FRANCE

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